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R 121009Z APR 82
FM AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2944
INFO AMEMBASSY KABUL

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THE FOLLOWING WAS SENT ACTION AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD
11 APRIL 82 AND IS REPEATED FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

QUOTE:

CONFIDENTIAL PESHAWAR 0296

E.O. 12065: GDS 4/7/88 (ARCHARD, D.B.) OR-M

TAGS: SREF. AF

SUBJECT: FIRE AT REFUGEE CAMP

1. (C) ENTIRE TEXT.

2. FIRE DESTROYED THE REFUGEE TENT VILLAGE OF KABAIBIAN #4
ON APRIL 5. TWO REFUGEES DIED. A DOZEN WERE INJURED AND 166
REFUGEE FAMILIES DISPLACED AS A RESULT. THIS WAS THE THIRD
FIRE IN LESS THAN A YEAR AT THE CAMP WHICH IS LOCATED THREE
MILES OUTSIDE PESHAWAR. VISITED THE
SITE A FEW HOURS AFTER THE BLAZE. HE EXPANDED ON PRESS
ACCOUNTS AND SPECULATED ON POSSIBLE CAUSES OF THE FIRE WHEN
PATY CULPEPPER SPOKE WITH HIM APRIL 6.

3. THE CAMP WAS AN OBVIOUS FIRE HAZARD.
CLOSELY PACKED QUARTERS, THE WIDESPREAD USE OF THATCH.
AND GUSTY WINDS MEANT THAT THE FIRE, ONCE STARTED, DESTROYED
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THE ENTIRE CAMP IN MINUTES. PRESS REPORTS ATTRIBUTE THE
FIRE TO A FAULTY TANDOOR OVEN LOCATED TOO CLOSE TO A TENT.
HOWEVER, SOME REFUGEES AT CAMP TOLD THAT THE FIRE STARTED
IN SEVERAL PLACES AT ONCE.

4. WOULD NOT DISCOUNT POSSIBILITY OF ARSON. HE SAID
THAT THE CAMP'S LOCATION NEAR A CEMETERY HAD BEEN A MILD
SOURCE OF RESENTMENT TO LOCAL POPULATION. IN ADDITION, A
FUNDAMENTALIST/MODERATE SPLIT AMONG REFUGEES AT THE CAMP

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HAD CAUSED SOME CONCERN. HE SAID 106 FAMILIES ARE GUL BADEEN LOYALISTS WHILE THE OTHER 60 CLAIM ALLEGIANCE TO MUJADEDDI AND RECENTLY THERE HAD BEEN FRICTION BETWEEN THE TWO GROUPS.

5. COMMENT: REFUGEE OFFICIALS HAVE REPORTEDLY MOVED THE KABABIAN #4 FAMILIES TO NASIR BAGH. IF LOCAL RESENTMENT OR EXILE POLITICS FIGURED AS PROXIMATE CAUSES OF THE FIRE, THESE FACTORS WILL BE UNDERCUT BY THE MOVE. ARCHARD UNQUOTE SPIERS

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